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The following statements were made by Pedro Saad, prominent coastal Communist leader, regarding a proposed meeting of Latin American Communist leaders in Ecuador reportedly scheduled for July 1948.

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1. This will be a "strictly secret" meeting. According to recent instructions received by the Party, the prominent leaders in the various Latin American countries are not to attend, but are to be represented by completely reliable, competent assistants. This procedure is advised to avoid visa and travel restrictions, as well as detection. The representatives will use professional or commercial pretexts for such occasions.
 2. The decision to hold the conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador, instead of Lima, Peru, was to avoid meeting in large population areas. It is planned to take the representatives one by one, either by river boat or by car, to a small, secluded place outside of Guayaquil in order to avoid any surveillance. Saad stated that this procedure had been used previously and that he was certain they were never detected.
 3. Saad concluded by stating that the Ecuadoran Communists are planning a Party Congress in Guayaquil after the above meeting is ended. This congress will endeavor to carry out certain reorganizational plans received by Saad and Primitivo Barreto at the CTAL meeting in Mexico in March 1948.

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